Lady clerks in the Office of the Land Revenue Commissioner.

98. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the lady clerks appointed before 30th Meenam 1114, in the Office of the Land Revenue Commissioner ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

The *statement required is laid on the table.

Gravelling the Chattikulangara-Karipuzha road.

99. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations by the people of Kannamangalom for gravelling the Chattikulangara-Karipuzha road through Kannamangalam in Mavelikara taluk; and

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken for the gravelling of that road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. Further steps can be taken only after the earth work is completed, the curves eased and the required lands surrendered free of cost, by the ryots.

Deputy Tahsildar, Vilavankod.

100. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the present Deputy Tahsildar, Vilavankod is a native of that taluk;

(*b*) the posts which he has been holding in that taluk cutcherrry, with the dates thereof; and

(*c*) if he was transferred from that office on any occasion, the reasons for each transfer and the dates of such transfer ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai, Deputy Tahsildar, Vilavankod taluk, since transferred to the Karthigapally taluk, is a native of the former taluk.

(*b*) and (*c*) A †statement containing the information required is laid on the table

Punja Cultivation in North Travancore.

101. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the *Punja* cultivation in North Travancore recently is a failure;

(*b*) whether they have instituted enquiries why *Punja* cultivation fails:

(*c*) whether the silting up of irrigation canals is one of the reasons for such failure;

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(*d*) whether any arrangements have been made to remove the silts from river beds and water courses by dredging ; and

(*e*) whether there is any arrangement by which the work of the Irrigation and the Agricultural Departments are co-ordinated ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (*a*) Not as a whole but only in a few localities.

(*b*) No special enquiries have been instituted.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes ; when the ryots have prayed for as per Irrigation rules.

(*e*) No ; but each department contributes its own share by affording facilities and instructions for the betterment of cultivation.

Amalgamation of the Maramat with the P. W. Department.

102. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of actual saving made in the year 1113, in salary and allowance of officers and establishment on account of the amalgamation of the Maramat Department with the P. W. D. ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : The amount of actual saving made in the year 1113, in salary and allowances of officers and establishment on account of the amalgamation of the Maramat Department with the P. W. D. is Rs. 16,770 as per statement below:

		Expenditure.	
		1112.	1113
		Rs.	Rs.
Salaries	...	16,234	1,280
Establishment	...	28,967	27,421
Allowances	...	6,013	3,491
Contingencies	...	3,780	6,032
Total	...	54,994	38,224

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from Government whether they are aware of representations made during the last Budget Session regarding the re-establishment of the Maramat Department as an independent one ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Yes, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government have taken any definite action in respect of that ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : No, Sir. But I may say that the re-constituted Maramat Department has been working very satisfactorily.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government have considered those representations and come to any final decision ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : No, Sir.

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